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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY ANGOLAN CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS

1. BESSA VICTOR, THE ANGOLA DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND VICTOR VERES, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ANGOLAN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY, JULY 11 ENROUTE TO AN ICAO MEETING IN MONTREAL. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PAY BRIEF COURTESY CALLS ON CHARLES KERY, FAA, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAB.

2. COULD THE DEPARTMENT REQUEST THE APPOINTMENTS AND INFORM THE POST OF THE RESULTS. BESSA VICTOR AND VERES LEAVE LUANDA JULY 5 FOR BRAZIL FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO TRAVELLING TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

3. WE SUGGEST PORTUGUESE SPEAKING DEPARTMENT OFFICER ACCOMPANY THE TWO ON THE CALLS AND USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH BESSA VICTOR. HE IS MPLA BUT A MODERATE AND, WE HEAR, EXTREMELY UNHAPPY WITH NETOTS LEADERSHIP STYLE. VERES SPEAKS ENGLISH BUT BESSA VICTOR DOES NOT.

4. BESSA VICTOR AND VERES ARE AWARE OF PANAM'S INTEREST IN A ROUTE THROUGH ANGOLA AND MAY WANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH LUANDA OFFICIALS. BESSA VICTOR TELLS US THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF NEW CARRIERS/ROUTES/SERVICES MUST AWAIT INDEPENDENCE.

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